# CALIFORNIA SELECTOR S The Times' Daily Short Story.

### MISSION BRIDE

[Original]

ly girl who looked about her expectantly. A young man stepped up to ber and, lifting his hat, asked:

"Can I be of service to you?" "I have come here," replied the girl

hesitatingly to neet my-my affi-

"I see," said the young man, speak ing in a very pleasant, sympathetic tone, "Yours is one of those cases call upon her," wherein the bishop does the courting by proxy. You are assigned to one of me his name?"

"Herbert Tingley." "And yours?"

never seen him?"

"Lena Crawley." "I don't envy you. This marrying a man whom you-I suppose you have

incognito?" "I would like it very much."

"Well, let me see, to remain incognito you must lodge where no one is interested in mission work. There's a fore your window with your affianced, and in the evening I'll bring him to departure. call upon you. Does he expect you?"

by which to notify him before the

"That's fortunate. Well, I'd better leave you here. I shall be happy to serve you in any way in my power. Good evening."

The girl put out her hand and grasped his warmly. He had spoken so kindly, so soothingly. She had scarcely realized the distress of the position in which she was to be placed until she had stepped ashere. How fortuman! Oh, that the person to whom she had been assigned would be half so winning!

She found a lodging in the house desiguated. Indeed, in that small community of exiles-for such they wereno one coming from a civilized land would be refused. A motherly woman gave her a good room and saw that she was comfortably settled in it. removed her hands. The stranger was Moreover, the girl was pleased that ber hostess refrained from questioning

The next day she noticed the man why, I thought he was Mr. Tingley?" who had met her walking back and forth slowly before the house with an her companion. "I was satisfied with other in cierical dress-a short, thickset, redheaded man, who wore glasses. The girl's heart sank within her.

"I can never do it," she gusped. "I'm going back on the Star of the East." Then she remembered that her father's lifelong friend, the bishop, had told her that the man to whom he had

blumen. "It must be in spirit," she muttered. "It is certainly not in the

That evening the two men called to-Among those who passed over the gether, sending in cards on which gangplank out of the ship was a come were printed "Herbert Tingley" and "Walter T. Droham."

"This is the lady," said the gentleman who had befriended her, "of whom I was speaking to you. She came in yesterday on the Star of the East and proposes, I believe, to make her home with us. Knowing your kindly interest in strangers, I proposed to bring you to visit her. Then you can send the ladies of the mission to

"Pleased to meet you," said the clerical man, with the nir of one who wonthe workers here. Do you care to give dered what business his friend had to put him to so much trouble. Indeed his manner in every respect was repellent. He plunged in to ask a number of questions, fortunately without giving the girl time to reply to them.

The man who had introduced him

sat listering without interrupting him. The girl did not seem to hear a word, "How would you like to meet him She made a resolution to go back home on the Star of the East and was trying to remember what she had heard as to the date of salling. She wished It was tomorrow. Finally, when the man had tired of listening to himself house up yonder where I think they'll talk-for he had no other audience-he take you in. Tomorrow I'll pass be- looked at his friend and half rose from his seat, as much as to suggest a

"No; there was no ship coming here said the other. "I want to give the "I think I'll remain a little longer," Star of the East, in which I have needs. But don't stay if you have othyoung lady some information she er matters. I'm very much obliged to you for coming with me."

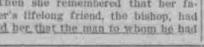
"Yes, I'm a busy man. The superintendent has been loading me down with work lately. He says I'm the only man he can get to carry out his plana. His plans! Why, I've planned every move he has made. But he doesn't know it. He thinks he has planned everything himself. Well (to nate that she should have met this And with a puff and a snort he was

So thoroughly appalled was Miss Crawley at the idea of passing her life with this boaster that she did not notice the name by which he addressed his friend. She sank on to a sofa and covered her face with her hands.

"Ta-ta, Tingley." was repeated from without under the window. The girl sitting on the sofs beside her with a very pleasant smile on his face.

"Tingley?" she exclaimed. "Why-"I have a confession to make," said you when I met you on the wharf, but I wanted you to have an opportunity to see me before knowing me to be your affianced husband. Will you remain or will you return on the Star of the East?"

AGATHA W. ODELL.



Railway Clerk In Baltimore Claims This Honor.

PREPARED TO DEFEND THE TITLE

Lloyd Conway Says He Can Pronounce "Enderstandably" 55,000 Words an Hour-Gave a Remarkable Exhibition of Rapid Reading. Has a Voice of Wonderful Bange.

most rapid talker in the world and am prepared to defend the title against all comers."

This is the defi launched by Lloyd Conway of Bultimore, says a correspondent of the Philadelphia Press. The terms of the contest are to be rapidity of utterance, clearness of pronunciation and endurance.

The claimant to this unique bonor is a clerk employed in the auditing department of a prominent railroad. He declares his ability to correctly and "understandingly" speak 55,000 words an hour, ten hours at a stretch and to maintain this speed for ten consecutive days. As a side statement Mr. Conway says he has reached the superlative speed of 65,040 words for one hour, a high water mark of 1,084 words a minute or eighteen a second.

Mr. Conway is no crank seeking notoriety. He simply says that nature has endowed him with a gift which bas been cultivated. His duties in the office are, in the main, to call off bank checks, payrolls, bills of lading and the hundreds of documents that must be checked over by the auditor's cierks. When this work was assigned to the young man he resolved to make a specialty of the work. He has demonstrated that his gift has a practical side, for he does the work of three men-that is, he calls off three different sets of vouchers with sufficient rupidity to keep three expert clerks busy checking, and his fellow clerks say be

will not average one error a mouth. On the night of Feb. 1 last Mr. Conway gave an exhibition of his powers to a party of professional men, and the result of his performance was the

CHAMPION FAST TALKER | issuance of his sweeping challenge. tie had taken from the office a large number of canceled pay checks, each one of which was written by a different hand. From a throat that swelled and receded with marvelous motion the words came like bullets from a from the railroad office, familiar with his work, to distinguish a word. By degrees, however, the ears of the before Mr. Conway had finished there were few in the room who could not follow him. His performance including the handling of the checks, occu-"I claim the championship as the pied exactly six minutes and seven seconds, or over 510 words per minute.

Mr. Conway next picked up a book printed in long primer type-one of Ingersoll's lectures, for the reason, as Mr. Conway frankly admitted, that the orator used but the simplest words. In the thirty minutes of the test Mr. Conway read fifty-five and one-half pages of 447 words each, a total of 24,808 words, or 827 per minute. During all that rapid fire of agnosticism Mr. Conway never faltered and his voice was as strong at the close as

when he began. Mr. Conway, who is a performer upon violin and organ of ability, astounded his hearers by demonstrating that his voice had a range of just one note short of four octaves. Senting himself at the organ, he struck the F below double C. Then, like a subterranean rumble, came from his chest a corresponding note. In succession he followed the notes past three oc-

taves and then on up to E flat. In appearance, Mr. Conway, who is thirty years old, conveys the impression that he is of rather a delicate constitution, but that suspicion does not attach to his lungs.

A Great Jumper. If ancient history is to be taken as an authority, Phayilus, of Crotona could clear fifty-six feet at one "standing-broad jpmp.'

Army Schools In Russia. In every regiment of the Russian army there is a school, says the Metropolitan Magazine, and a young mar cannot leave the army and go back to his village without having learned to read, write and cipher.



A prominent Southern lady, Mrs. Blanchard, of Nashville, Tenn., tells how she was cured of backache, dizziness, painful and irregular periods by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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"Better health is all I wanted, and cure if possible. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound brought me health and happiness in a few short months. I feel like another person now. My sches and pains have left me. Life seems new and sweet to me, and everything seems pleasant

"Six bottles brought me health, and was worth more than months under the doctor's care, which really did not benefit me at all. I am satisfied there is no medicine so good for sick women as your Vegetable Compound, and I advocate it to my lady friends in need of medical help."—Mrs. B. A. BLANCHARD, 422 Broad St., Nashville, Tenm.—35000 forfeit if original of above letter proxing genuineness cannot be greduced.

### WIVES AND INCOMES.

A Methodist Preacher Makes an Eptgram Concerning Them,

People celebrate the discovery of a new fact in nature. They grow cloquent over the invention of a new piece of machinery. They heap riches in the lap of the man who puts on the market a new breakfast food. Why should they not pay some slight tribute to the author of a new epigram? asks the Rutland (Vt.) News.

If the saying express a great truth in few words, if it shine with the glint of homely humor, if its appeal be broad and general, so may it be decided whether the epigrammatic offering be genuine or only a clever imita-

Apply these standards to the rough and uncut, yet precious, phrase which lies imbedded in the speech of a plain Methodist minister from the up state counties of New York and Vermont. delivered the other day before the conference of his brethren in this district. He was telling of the hard work and small pay which are the lot of him-If and his fellows in the poorer dis tricts of the country. And he closed with this tremendous question. "How shall a man support a sealskin wife on a muskent Income?" The epigram may provoke a smile, perhaps, but that Maxim gun. At first it was utterly same question, never before so well Impossible, except to the three cierks put, has vexed many other men, in and out of the ministry. Attempts to answer it have ended before now in the penitentiary. It is that question, if United States railway mail service are novice listeners became attuned, and authorities are to be believed, which is responsible for the increasing number of bachelors, particularly in the cities, and for the corresponding increase in the number of middle aged spinsters. It is a question which might, possibly, be profitably debated by some of the women's clubs.

Are too many girls of the present day being reared in a way which fits them only to be "scalskin wives?" And "muskrat income" look for a proper

helpmate? At any rate, the new epigram cuts deserves a permanent place in the acquired "a champagne appetite with plece.

## SHELL TO STUPEFY ARMIES.

Hungarian Scientist Invents a Gas Charged Missile.

a shell which on bursting liberates a gus warranted to stupefy all who feet. breathe it, says a Vienna dispatch to the Philadelphia Public Ledger, When such a shell bursts between decks on a battleship the crew will lie down to sleep and awake perhaps to find themselves prisoners in a hostile port.

possible that this gas charged shell will do all that its inventor claims. He is now in communication with the Japanese government.

Such a shell would revolutionize warfare. The hospital corps would become the most important branch of the service and would need to be enormously increased in order that prostrated combatants could be removed from the field and restored to consciousness.

Gloves In Olden Days.

The first glovers were monks. The hely fathers of Sithin were in the days of Charlemagne granted by that monarch the unlimited right of hunting in consideration of their making girdles, gloves and book covers from the skins of the deer they killed.



All Executive Departments Send Treasures to the World's Fair.

Display Installed in the Largest Governmental Exposition Building Ever Constructed - Precious Doouments - Relics of Famous Statesmen and Soldiers. Working Postal Exhibit.

The United States Government building at the World's Fair occupies an elevated site just south of the main picture of the Exposition. The great central dome of the Government building is visible from the very center of the Fair, looking across the picturesque sunken garden that lies between the Palaces of Mines and Metallurgy and Liberal Arts.

The hill slope in front of the Government building is terraced with broad stairways almost completely covering the slope. The building is 800 feet long by 250 feet wide and is the largest structure ever provided at an exposition by the federal government. It is distinguished from all the other large buildings at the Exposition by the steel truss construction, the entire roof being supported by steel arches, forming a splendid domed ceiling.

In this building are installed the exhibits of all the executive departments of the government. The building is a vast storehouse of an endless variety of treasures dear to the heart of every true American. Precious documents are to be seen here, and the autographs of our great men of the past are on display. Relics of famous statesmen and soldiers, earefully preserved through generations, \*are exhibited. Each governmental department has installed an exhibit showing its official character and mode of operation.

Entering the Government building from the eastern end, the visitor sees at his left a railroad postoffice car. This is not a mere coach standing idle,



LOUISIANA PURCHASE MONUMENT, WORLD'S

but is one of the most improved mail cars, in which men attached to the actively engaged in "throwing" the malls. Here you will see the postal clerks at work, just as they work while speeding along a railroad track.

A curious collection of old time relics from the postoffice museum at Washington Illustrates as no verbal description can do the crude beginnings of the postal system. One of these relics is an old fashloned stagecoach that once carried United States where shall the young man with a mails through a portion of the Louisiana purchase territory. President Roosevelt, who once inspected it, examined with a rough rider's interest deep and raises serious questions. It the bullet holes which stage robbers and mountain brigands shot through archives of the English language, its stiff leathern curtains. Generals alongside that other classic, but still Sherman and Sheridan and President sparkling, saying, which describes the Garfield rode in this old coach during plight of the unfortunate youth who the strenuous days of frontier life. Among the collection of documents a beer income." It is its companion showing the primitive postal methods in vogue in the early days is to be seen the old book of accounts kept by the first postmaster general, Benjamin Franklin, all written by hand. There is a rare collection of stamps, including ancient Filipino, Porto Rican and A Hungarian scientist has invented Cuban stamps. The postoffice department's exhibit occupies 12,469 square

Across the nisle, at the right, is the exhibit of the new Department of Commerce and Labor, occupying 1,966 square feet. This exhibit shows what the new executive department stands for and what it is accomplishing. Mr. Scientifically speaking, it is entirely | Carroll D. Wright, United States Commissioner of Labor, had charge of the preparation of the exhibit. Charts ar-





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ranged by him, showing the rapid light enters through gauze panels, hand growth of the nation in agriculture, painted and in forms of resewood inarts, manufacture, population, etc., are laid with ivory figures. of special interest to sociologists and all students of the labor problem. The ished ash, with exquisitely carved Census Bureau exhibit is made in this bamboo figures inlaid, are shown. The section. It shows the tabulating machines used in compiling the census reports. The Lighthouse Board, also operating under this department, shows the great revolving lenses in lighthouses, with other interesting appli-

The space in the projecting northwest corner of the building is devoted to the Library of Congress. The edifice which houses this library at Washington is held by many architects to be the most beautiful building in the world. Its interior decorations, by Elmer Ellsworth Garnsey, furnish one of the chief delights of a visit to the national capital. A large model of this splendld building is a feature of the exhibit. The decorative features of the interior are reproduced in their original colors.

The next exhibit on the right hand side of the central aisle is that of the Interior Department, occupying 11,792 square feet. In this large space the visitor finds so many things of compelling interest that he is loath to have. The Patent Office exhibit belongs to this section. There are modals of many machines that have borne an important part in the development of the nation's industries. The earliest form of every device of human invention, so far as possible, is shown here. For instance, you may see the actual sewing machine that was the first contrivence of its kind every constructed; it was patented in 1846 by Elias Howe. ter, patented by C Thurber in 1842; the model of the first cast iron plow, patented by Charles Newbold in 1797; the first screw propeller, invented by Robert Hook in 1680; and many other "first" things are to be seen. The model of Abraham Lincoln's celebrated device for lifting steamboats off shoals is shown here. The first barvesting machine, made in the year 150 B. C., is one of the most ancient exhibits at the Exposition. There is also a model of the first steam engine, made in Egypt in the same

Every foot of the 200,000 feet of floor space in Uncle Sam's World's Fair building is occupied by exhibits of surpassing interest, and every phase of the people's welfare is shown.

### CURIOUS THINGS FROM CHINA

The Most Magnificent Beds Ever Seen Are Part of the Celestial Empire's World's Fair Exhibit.

The Chinese exhibit at the World's Fair is filled with pleasing surprises. Some of the most magnificent articles of furniture are a part of this wonderful display. The carving and inlaying of ivory, bone and wood lliustrate the marvelous skill of the Chinese.

Models included in this interesting exhibit show the homes and home life of the Chinese, their weddings and funerals, Chinese tea house, restaurant and shop, Chinese weaving and some of the beautiful silks and wearing apparel of the Chinese and their methods of manufacturing them.

One feature of the exhibit is two magnificent Chinese beds, each of which has the appearance of being a small house of great beauty. One is a summer bed, the other for wluter. The summer bed is hand carved and inlaid with Ivory and bone figures and landscapes exquisitely carved and so akilifully joined as to appear a part of the wood. The bed and furniture are of carved bamboo. The bed consists of an anteroom, with tables, chairs and tea stands, and in an inner room, which is the sleeping apartment, there is a couch with coverings of gauzy silks.

The winter bed is still more elaborate. It consists of three compartments. The first contains four chairs, a tea poy and a chest of drawers. This is the sitting apartment. The second is the dressing room, and the third is the sleeping apartment, or the couch itself. The furniture is of rosewood inlaid with As you ladies ivory carving of birds, flowers and trees. The couch is covered with silks 'Gaurand's Comm' of the finest texture and in gaudy colet harmful of all the skin preparations." Ors. The sleeping compartments are U.S. Canadas, and Ecrops.

Y. HOPKINS, Prep's, 37 Breat Jones St., N. Y. Highted with Chinese lanterns of silk hung at the outer entrance, while the

A table and dish made of highly pol-

work is so artistically done that each article seems to have been made of one piece of wood.

There is also a large display of Chinese lanterns made of slik, gauze and other light material and some made of beads artistically arranged with glass centers. The silk and gauze are beautifully hand painted.

There are models of some of the great Chinese temples, theaters and arches, showing elaborate carving in wood and ivery and two large elephant tusks exquisitely carved.

### WHARFAGE FREE AT ST. LOUIS

Twenty Miles of River Front For Wa-

ter Craft at World's Fair City. Free wharfage will be given to all boats landing at St. Louis during the World's Fair. Traffle Manager Hitleary of the Exposition and Joseph P. Whyte, barbor and wharf commissioner of St. Louis, have decided on the locations assigned to the various kinds of boats.

Yachts, steam launches and all boats propelled by their own power have been assigned wharf space between Choteau avenue and Biddle street. These streets, running east and west. form the boundary lines for the centrai business district of the city.

House bonts have been assigned wharf space north of Biddle street

and south of Choteau avenue. St. Louis has a river front of twen-ty miles. The Broadway line of the Transit company parallels the river from the city limits on the worth to Jefferson Barracks on the south. At no point are the cars more than five blocks from the Mississippi river. The World's Fair may be reached for one fare by transferring to any of the eight lines that cross Broadway and reach the Exposition grounds.

to charge will be made for wharfage. Application for space should be made to the harbor and wharf commissioner at the City Hall, on Twelfth street, between Market street and Clark avenue.

### CURIOUS CULLINGS.

Captain G. E. Mauk, who lives near Enid, O. T., has part of the remains of a mammpth prehistoric lizard. The skeleton is 125 feet long and 25 feet

A superb snuffbox of the Louis XV.

period was sold in London recently for \$30,000. The box has gold sides and is decorated with hand paintings and iliamonds. In the kitchen of a house recently

uncarthed at Pempeli was found a preplace with a kettle on its grate just as it was left by some Pompellan housewife over 1,800 years ago.

The present war has produced the first heading containing more than a single line ever published in a Russian newspaper. Previously the most important news had never been so honored and the death of Queen Victoria was announced without any heading.

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